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On 5/13/76, Legat met with captioned contact in Rio de Janeiro for lunch. He furnished the following information concerning the terrorist developments in Argentina:

Since the peaceful March, 1976, revolution in Argentina, the terrorist activities have taken on a graver aspect. Whereas, during the pre-revolutionary period, terrorist activities had been limited to well-planned kidnapings for ransom purposes, surprise ambushes, during daylight hours, of government and political figures seem to be the current trend. With political assassinations on the rise, there are fewer and fewer kidnapings. It is felt that the well organized terrorist groups in Argentina are finding themselves with their backs against the wall and are lashing out in retaliation in every possible direction.

Of concern to the Brazilian Government are those Brazilian terrorist leaders who fled Brazil in the late 60's and early 70's, established themselves in Argentina with existing Argentine groups, and are fleeing the revolutionary government's increased anti-terrorist campaigns. These Brazilians, not finding Argentina the one-time haven for their activities, are returning to Brazil in alarming numbers. The logical fear of the Brazilian Government is that these returning individuals, if not identified and detained, may utilize their considerable experience against targets within Brazil.

With intentions of curbing the problem, [Brazil has ^{reportedly} entered into secret agreements with Argentina wherein the two countries are jointly ^{undertaking} whatever means necessary to track down, detain, and kill terrorists trying to escape from Argentina. In the past two months, a number of terrorists have been killed at the border by Brazilian and Argentine troops. These deaths have received no publicity. Brazilian and Argentine military have cooperated to such a degree as to work in coordination inside the other's boundaries. The two governments' efforts have been termed successful but the fear lingers that too many are still arriving safely in Brazil.] (S) (U)

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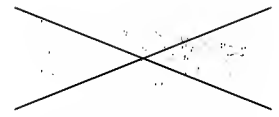
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Major QUEIROZ added the following comments concerning alleged Cuban build-ups of manpower in the neighboring country of Guyana: ~~(S)~~ (U)

Brazilian forces have increased the manpower at the common border in the event such allegations are true. However, many of the strongest rumors concerning Cuban build-ups in that country have come from sources of little reliability or have already been proved to be without foundation.

Most recent appraisals of the situation indicate that Cuba has technical operatives within Guyana but that the number is certainly small and by no means could approach consideration as a danger to Brazilian security.